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VIENNA FOR US REP MBFR

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SUBJ: MBFR: NORWEGIAN DRAFT OPENING STATEMENT

REF: VIENNA 37 62

1. AT A SOCIAL EVENT ON MAY 10, AN EMBASSY OFFICER ASKED OSCAR VAERNO, CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DISARMAMENT DIVISION, FOR A REACTION TO THE OPPOSITION EXPRESSED IN THE AD HOC GROUP ON MAY 7 TO THE REFERENCE, IN THE NORWEGIAN DRAFT OPENING STATEMENT, TO " ANOTHER SET OF TALKS... ON MEASURES OF THIS KIND ALSO IN OTHER AREAS OF EUROPE, SUCH AS OUR OWN..." (PARA 11 OF REFTEL). VAERNO (WHO MAY GO TO VIENNA FOR THE MAY 14 PLENARY) INDICATED THAT THE NORWEGIANS WILL AGREE TO DELETE THAT PASSAGE FROM THEIR VIENNA STATEMENT BUT SAID THEY WILL PROBABLY USE IT DOMESTICALLY.

2. VAERNO ELABORATED THAT THE INTEREST OF THE NORWEGIAN
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PRESS AND PUBLIC IN MBFR NATURALLY CONCERNS ITS IMPACT ON NORWAY AND INCLUDES A HOPE FOR LESSENING OF TENSIONS ON THE NORTHERN FLANK. HE SAID IT " WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD" IF NORWEGIAN SPOKESMEN DID NOT EXPRESS AT LEAST TO THE DOMESTIC PRESS THE HOPE FOR EVENTUAL TALKS CONCERNING THIS PART OF EUROPE AS WELL; HE THEREFORE THOUGHT THEY WOULD SAY SO IN BRIEFING THE PRESS HERE--" UNLESS YOU HAVE OTHER IDEAS." TO THIS INDIRECT QUESTION, THE EMBOFF EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE US WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH A STATEMENT IN OSLO TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MBFR TALKS ARE FOCUSED ON CENTRAL EUROPE BUT THAT, IF SUCCESSFUL, IT CAN BE HOPED THAT THEY MAY BE FOLLOWED UP AT SOME POINT WITH TALKS COVERING OTHER AREAS AS WELL.

3. COMMENT: IF THE DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES ANY HAZARDS IN PUBLIC REFERENCES HERE TO INTEREST IN OTHER REGIONAL TALKS, WE SHOULD CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO THE NORWEGIANS PROMPTLY.
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